

## 5. EXHIBIT E: Riverwood Landscape Committee Vision Statement

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To maintain under changing conditions, a beautiful and natural environment that is integrated into Riverwood's existing landscape and is consistent with its location bordering the American River Parkway.

#### Changing Conditions

- An outdated and inefficient irrigation system
- A recent multi-year drought, with similar drought conditions expected in the future, resulting in irrigation water limitations
- Climate change with high summer temperatures which stress our landscape
- Fire-risk with overgrown, overplanted, and dead/dying shrubs and plants
- 40-plus year-old trees creating problems such as: roots in drains, too much shade for lawn growth, or too much sun scorching plants when trees are removed
- Aging plants, many of which over time will need to be replaced
- Increasing costs related to landscape maintenance

#### Action towards a Long-Range Plan

- Prioritizing and protecting trees in decisions about other landscape elements
- Prioritizing, when new or replacement plantings are needed, the use of fire-resistant, drought-tolerant, deer resistant and, as appropriate, native shrubs and plants, and spacing plants in compliance with Fire Risk Management criteria
- Developing a list of acceptable shrubs/plants by characteristics, uses and requirements which include considerations such as: slopes/erosion control, ground cover, shade and sunlight needs, soil type and drainage needs, water needs, growth rate, size
- Reducing lawn areas requiring heavy irrigation, and replacing some common area lawns with drought-tolerant grasses, cedar mulch, and/or native plantings
- Recommending that the Board establish an Ad Hoc Irrigation Committee focused on making Riverwood's irrigation system more effective

- Adhering to the CC&Rs and Rules when reviewing applications submitted by homeowners
- Maintaining transparency via Website posting of proposed projects
- Developing, with community input, a multi-phased long-range plan.

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Approved by Riverwood Board of Directors 07/24/23